

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3 and 25 have been canceled. Thus, Claims 1 and 4-24 remain in this application. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 16 have been amended. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended merely to provide proper claim dependency.

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. However, Applicant has now canceled Claim 25, thus rendering the rejection of this claim moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the § 112 rejection.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 3 and Claim 16 to incorporate similar limitations. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 16, and all claims dependent therefrom, are now allowable.

III. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2 and 6-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Archer (US Patent No. 6,829,236) in view of Mayer et al. (US Patent No. 7,317,695).

In light of the amendments described above with respect to Claims 1 and 16 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 3, which the Examiner indicated contains allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 16, and all claims dependent therefrom, are now allowable. Claims 2 and 25 have been canceled, thus rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1 and 4-24.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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